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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP: ISSUE FEE
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Application No.: 09/987,735)	Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: November 15, 2001)	Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez
For: CIGARETTE PAPER HAVING)	Confirmation No.: 7422
HEAT-DEGRADABLE FILLER)	
PARTICLES, AND CIGARETTE)	
COMPRISING A CIGARETTE)	
PAPER WRAPPER HAVING HEAT-)	
DEGRADABLE FILLER PARTICLES)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance included with the Notice of Allowance dated July 1, 2004, the following statement of reasons for allowance is made:

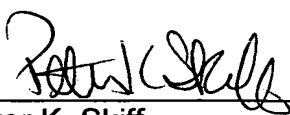
"the cited prior art fails to disclose or reasonably suggest a cigarette paper or a cigarette having a cigarette paper having heat-degradable filler particles having a mean average particle size from about 0.05 to about 1mm."

However, the claimed 0.05-1 mm particle size is only recited in Claims 1-14, 16-26, 28-31, 33-45 and 45-52. Because Claims 15, 27, 32, 46 and 53 do not recite the 0.05-1 mm range, the above-noted reasons for allowance does not apply thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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